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TITLE: METHOD TO BLEND TWO OR MORE FLUIDS

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the office action dated June 27, 2005, Applicant elects with traverse, to proceed with the examination of Group I, claims 1-10 and 15, drawn to a method of blending two or more fluids by continuously adjusting flow rate.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. Applicant contends that Groups I and II are not directed to independent and distinct subject matter. Group I is directed to method of blending two or more fluids by continuously adjusting the flow rate, while Group II is drawn to apparatus for blending two or more fluid components. The claims of Group I and II contain similar key limitations to blending two or more fluids. The claims in Group II define components that are in the claims of Group I. Accordingly, any search and examination as to the patentability of Group I will necessarily consider the inclusion of the limitations to the apparatus for use blending two or more fluids. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, at least as regards Group I and II and that the corresponding claims be examined together.

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